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☐ Together with the present application.

☐ Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. [37 CFR § 1.97(b)]

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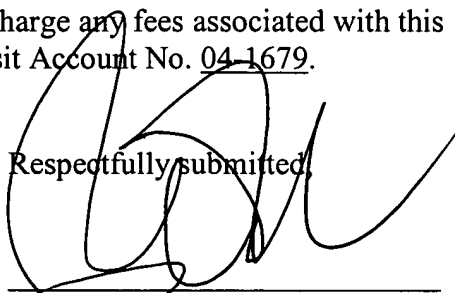
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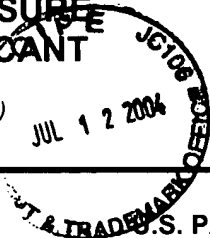
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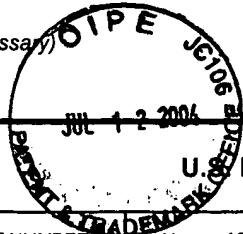
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